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ALLARD LAUDS WATER AMENDMENT LAWMAKER SPONSORS BILL CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF McMCARRAN AMENDMENT

Washington, D.C. – Colorado U.S. Senator Wayne Allard on Wednesday announced introduction of a resolution commemorating 50 years of adjudication under the McCarran Amendment. The resolution introduced by Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and co-sponsored by Senator Allard pays homage to the landmark legislation that waived the sovereign immunity of the United States so that it could be joined in state adjudications of the rights to use water.

“This resolution recognizes the primacy of state water law, and dictates that the United States must follow the Colorado doctrine of prior appropriations,” said Allard. “The Federal Government is required to follow the State on matters of State responsibility. I will continue to fight against efforts by the federal government to steal Colorado’s water,” added Allard.

In the past year Senator Allard has lead the fight against Federal intrusion into Colorado water. Including leading seven members of the Colorado Congressional delegation in an effort to stop the Forest Service from imposing unauthorized water bypass flows.

“This resolution marks our commitment to safeguarding the laws that govern one of our most precious resources - water,” concluded Allard.

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